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FOLLOWING REPEAT ABIDJAN 4763 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USMISSION
USUN NEW YORK MAY 11.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 4763

FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MAYNES

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TAGS: PFOR, US, FS, XA

SUBJ: COORDINATION WITH WESTERN GOVERNMENTS ON MAPUTO CONFERENCE

REF: A STATE 106155, B. USUN 1436, C. STATE 91898

1. APPRECIATE OPPORUTNITY TO COMMENT ON GUIDELINES
PROPOSED IN REFTEL. WE AGREE IT IS ESSENTIAL WE
COORDINATE OUR POSITION WITH OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF
SECURITY COUNCIL--A POSITION WE HAVE MADE CLEAR FROM
THE MOMENT WE INFORMED OTHERS OF OUR DECISION TO GO TO
MAPUTO.

2. POSITION OUTLINED IN REFTEL SEEMS MORE SENSIBLE
COURSE AT THIS POINT. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, FROM REF (B)
THAT: (A) WE HAVE NO CLEAR INFORMATION ON WHAT MAPUTO
ATMOSPHERE WILL BE; (B) THE AFRICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK HAS
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NOT FOCUSED ON TEXT OF MAPUTO DECLARATION; (C) WE DO
NOT KNOW WHAT FORM NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT WILL TAKE.
MOREOVER, WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE STILL BEEN UNABLE TO
DISCUSS WITH SALIM AND KAMANA, RE REF (C), DESIRABILITY
OF AVOIDING CALLS FOR ACTION IN THE DECLARATION WHIC
WILL COMPLICATE PEACE EFFORTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

4. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, WE BELIEVE THAT IN
CONVEYING TO OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS POSITON OUTLINED
IN REFTEL (A) WE SHOULD POINT OUT FLUIDITY OF SITUATION
AND NEED FOR WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO MAPUTO TO ASSESS
POSITION ON SPOT AND REACH COMMON RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH
CAN THEN BE REFERRED TO HOME GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL.

5. WE SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT TO OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS
THAT MAPUTO OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY IN CORRIDORS FOR
AGGRESSIVE WESTERN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN TO INFLUENTIAL
GROUP OF AFRICAN LEADERS THE IMPORTANCE OF STEPS WE ARE
TAKING IN NAMIBIA AND THE NECESSITY TO GIVE THIS LAST
OPENING FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EVERY CHANCE. CONFERENCE
ALSO OFFERS OPPORUTNITY TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT
US-UK EFFORT ON RHODESIA.
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